GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:334
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COASTAL SECURITY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any revised proposal to upgrade/set up additional coastal police stations and also sanction of additional amount for coastal security has been received from the State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof and present status of the proposals, State-wise;

(c) the outcome of recently held meeting of secretaries of coastal States and Union Territories regarding stepping up of coastal security;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up full fledged police stations on each port, State and Union Territory-wise;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken to set up such police stations on these coastal ports not having marine police station?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SMT. V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) & (b) A proposal has been received from the Government of Gujarat for increasing the number of Coastal Police Stations upto 40 as against the present provision of 10 under Coastal Security Scheme. However, there is no proposal to make any change on the components of assistance of the Coastal Security Scheme, which can be considered at the stage of review.

(c) In the review meeting held on 11.6.2007 on the Coastal Security Scheme it was decided to expedite sanctioning of man power, standard- rise the operating procedure for Coastal Police Stations, evolve a standard pattern for Coastal Policing, expedite procurement of patrol boats and take measures for training and recruitment of staff.

(d) to (f): The Coastal Security Scheme provides for setting up of 73 Coastal Police Stations along the coastline of the country taking into consideration factors like vulnerability, existing arrangements and availability of jetty facilities. All the major ports have made security arrangements either through CISF or on their own. The minor ports are under the purview of State Govt., who will take appropriate measures as per their security assessment.